

In the Specification:

Kindly amend the specification at page 1 by inserting the following new paragraph at line 5:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

_____ This application is a continuation-in-part of, and claims benefit of and priority to, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/064,151 filed June 14, 2002, entitled "Electronic Purchasing Method and Apparatus for Performing the Same", which is based on, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/337,910 entitled "Electronic Purchasing Card", filed December 7, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes.